IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of:

Opem et al. : Attorney Docket No.: 43315-219115

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Application No.: 10/539,629 : Art Unit: 2121

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Filed: January 30, 2006 : Examiner: R. Jarrett

Title: METHOD TO INCREASE THE SAFETY INTEGRITY LEVEL OF A CONTROL

SYSTEM

RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION

MAIL STOP AF Commissioner of Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

In response to the final office action issued November 17, 2009, please amend the above-identified application as follows: